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## **Baker-Polito Administration Celebrates MassWorks-Funded Parking Facility, Additional Investments in Brockton**

*New Parking Garage Dedicated in Memory of Late Brockton  
Mayor Bill Carpenter*



**BROCKTON**– December 5, 2019 – Today, Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito joined Brockton Mayor Moises M. Rodrigues and other local leaders for

the dedication of the Mayor Bill Carpenter Garage in Brockton. In 2016, the City of Brockton was [awarded](#) a \$10 million MassWorks grant to unlock the second phase of Brockton's Enterprise Block Redevelopment Project, including more than 110 units of housing. This funding supported the design, engineering and construction of the 414-space [municipal garage](#) dedicated today. Mayor Carpenter, the 48th Mayor of the City of Brockton, died unexpectedly in July.

During today's ceremony, Governor Baker also announced a 2019 MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant of \$920,000 for new roadways and streetscape improvements. The project will support planned housing and future mixed-use development in downtown Brockton and leverage \$100 million in potential private investment.

"Bill Carpenter was a deeply committed public servant who was dedicated to improving the community he loved and the lives of his neighbors, and the redevelopment of the Enterprise Block with this garage as the centerpiece was just one of many projects he spearheaded across the city," **said Governor Charlie Baker**. "We are pleased to announce additional MassWorks funding to continue to support housing growth and transit-oriented development in the City of Brockton."

"I will always remember Bill Carpenter as both a champion for Brockton and a great public servant of our Commonwealth, giving so much of his time and energy to see his beloved city transform block by block," **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. "I am honored to celebrate his legacy with the dedication of this garage, and am pleased that today's award will continue Mayor Carpenter's work and immediately unlock new housing for residents."

"This administration constantly seeks to find reliable and committed municipal leaders to partner with on the policies and the projects that promote economic growth and opportunities, and the Commonwealth found that in Mayor Bill Carpenter," **said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy**. "We are proud that this MassWorks-funded parking garage will forever bear the name of Mayor Carpenter, and are pleased to continue to leverage every tool at our disposal to ensure Brockton and all 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts continue to thrive."

The street improvements to be funded through today's grant will complement previous

MassWorks investment supporting community-driven infrastructure that reduces barriers to development. The work will support the next phase of Trinity Financial's Enterprise Block housing development. The project will add more than 100 new rental units, including at least 20 units of middle-income housing. The new roadway will also support four corner lots of developable municipal property within the city's 40R Smart Growth District.

Located within a block of the Brockton MBTA commuter rail station, this transit-oriented development will catalyze the redevelopment of downtown Brockton, and advance local, regional, and statewide planning objective. It will also build upon the city's successful Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) district. Brockton has committed \$90,000 in District Improvement Financing (DIF) funds to support the road project.

"In my time as Mayor, I have been extremely focused on maintaining the positive momentum Brockton has seen over the last few years. The best way any of us can honor Mayor Carpenter is to make sure Brockton continues along that path. Our successful MassWorks application clearly demonstrates our progress and our commitment to support new development in our downtown," **said Brockton Mayor Moises M. Rodrigues.**

"I would like to thank Governor Baker, Lieutenant Governor Polito and Secretary Kenneally for their continued support of our local communities. This \$920,000 MassWorks award will facilitate the construction of a new roadway and improvements to the existing streetscape in downtown Brockton, which will promote new developments and stimulate economic growth in the area," **said Senator Michael D. Brady.**

"The ongoing commitment to revitalizing our downtown is crucial to the economic prosperity of our City. The opening of the parking garage will provide needed parking for patrons of our downtown businesses. It is fitting that the parking garage is being named in honor of Mayor Bill Carpenter as he was a champion of economic growth in the downtown," **said Representative Gerry Cassidy.**

"We are now seeing the fruits of much of Mayor Carpenter's work. This is one of the many projects that Mayor Carpenter set in motion that will advance Brockton's

economic development goals,” **said Representative Claire Cronin.**

“We are grateful for the local, state, and private investment in this downtown Brockton block. It serves as a reminder that nothing worth doing is realized quickly or without many people involved. We first heard initial discussions on this project under Mayor Harrington’s administration. Mayor Balzotti’s administration first brought this development to the City Council and Mayor Carpenter’s administration lead us through the exciting shovels-in-the-ground and opening of Trinity apartments. Now Mayor Rodrigues and Mayor Elect Sullivan will carry this downtown renewal plan forward and expand it across the whole city,” **said Representative Michelle DuBois.**

Through the 2019 MassWorks round, the Baker-Polito Administration will award more than \$72 million in MassWorks awards to a diverse mix of 36 projects in 35 communities across the Commonwealth, including nine Gateway Cities and eight communities that will receive MassWorks funding for the first time. The awards will unlock a total of \$2.3 billion in private investment and more than 4,600 new full-time jobs, along with more than 3,100 new housing units, more than a third of which are affordable, building on the Administration’s efforts to tackle the ongoing housing shortage through complementary programs like [historic funding for affordable housing](#) and the proposed [Housing Choice legislation](#). The transformative projects funded by the 2019 awards were selected from 92 applications, totaling \$223 million in requests.

Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded more than \$456 million in MassWorks grants to support 219 shovel-ready projects in 141 communities. MassWorks funding has leveraged over \$9.2B in private investments and made possible the creation of more than 14,000 new housing units and tens of thousands of construction and permanent jobs.

Governor Baker signed economic development legislation in August 2018 that included substantial new funding for municipalities, including another \$250 million for MassWorks awards. The legislation built on the Baker-Polito Administration’s work to partner with communities to catalyze economic development and create new opportunities for residents across the Commonwealth, including the [2016 Job Creation and Workforce Development act](#), which authorized \$1 billion to support economic development efforts across the state, including a \$500 million authorization for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, enhanced tools and the introduction of new

strategies for job-readiness efforts.

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